

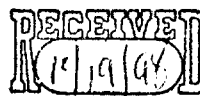


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Office of Special Nutritionals (HFS-450)
Center for Food Safety and Applied Nutrition
Food and Drug Administration
200 C St. SW
Washington, DC 20204

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pursuant to Section 403(r)(6) of the Federal Food, Drug and Cosmetic Act and Section 101.93 of FDA's regulations, we hereby notify you that we are using the following statement(s):

- (1) Name and address of manufacturer:
Pharmavite Corporation, PO Box 9606, Mission Hills, CA 91346
- (2) Text of the statement(s):

Acidophilus is a heat resistant form of L. acidophilus that contains 500 million live cells per tablet. Friendly bacteria like L. acidophilus help maintain a healthy intestinal tract by making it slightly more acidic. A slightly more acidic intestinal tract disfavors unfriendly bacteria which produce a variety of undesirable substances.
- (3) Name of the dietary ingredient if not provided in the text of the statement:
see above
- (4) Name of the dietary supplement:
products containing Lactobacillus acidophilus as a single ingredient or in combination with other ingredients

The above statement(s) may be used in one or more of the following brands of products: Nature Made, Sunny Maid, Nature's Resource, AAFES, AARP, Osco, Sav-On, Valu Wise, Bartell Drug, CVS, Duane Reade, Walgreens, Longs, Spring Valley, Brite Life, Family Pharmacy, GNP, Valu-Rite.

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We certify the information in this notice is complete and accurate, and we have substantiation that the above statement(s) is truthful and not misleading.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'David Kropp', is written over a circular stamp or seal.

David Kropp
Manager, Regulatory and Legal Affairs

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